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In re Application of:

Masahiro YAMAMOTO

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For: PATTERN INSPECTION APPARATUS,
PATTERN INSPECTION METHOD, AND
RECORDING MEDIUM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Prior to the examination of the application, please amend the application as

follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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